



## Planning Underway for Independence Day Celebration and Community Picnic

The City of Edgerton is excited to bring you the annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Show on July 3rd at Martin Creek Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the park starting at 5 p.m. Enjoy a hamburger or hotdog, plus chips and a drink from Two Guys and A Grill, play some games with the whole family and be prepared to “ooh and ahh” when the beautiful fireworks light up the night sky around 9:45 p.m.



We are making a few changes for the event, in light of the coronavirus outbreak. There will be some inflatable games to play, a balloon artist to entertain families, and a Bubble Pop in the tennis courts for our youngest guests (and those kids at heart). We are asking families to spread out and use the whole park this year.

Please watch the City’s social media pages and our website for the most up to date information on the Community Picnic and Fireworks Show.



July 3, 2019

Answer on back.

### Are you an Edgert?

Each month we’ll share interesting and fun facts about Edgerton. If you have a surprising fact to share about living in Edgerton or about the City’s history, submit it to [aclower@edgertonks.org](mailto:aclower@edgertonks.org) and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

#### Question:

What year did the Edgerton Rural High School boys basketball team compete in the Kansas high school state championship tournament?



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**Important Upcoming Meetings:**  
 Planning Commission Meeting:  
 Tuesday, June 9

City Council Meeting:  
 Thursday, June 11

City Council Meeting:  
 Thursday, June 25

### Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Go Walk Edgerton:  
 Ongoing

Selfie Scavenger Hunt:  
 Now thru July 3

Senior Lunch and BINGO and Senior Dominoes have been canceled through June to protect our most vulnerable population.

## Seniors To Benefit from Reduced Fees

Anyone over the age of 60 in Edgerton can now benefit from some reduced fees.

City Council members recently approved lowering the fees for certain basic home improvement projects that require a permit, including basic permits for electrical, plumbing, or mechanical work. Anyone over the age of 60 will also pay less if they want to raise chickens. The annual chicken permit fee is now \$25, instead of the normal \$50. Council members decided to make the changes to help out our older residents.

You can find out more by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.

## City Council To Begin Work On 2021 Budget

The City of Edgerton's annual budget process is starting. Finance Director Karen Kindle presented a revenue forecast to City Council during a work session on May 28. Edgerton is on solid financial footing after the County's property tax collection report came in better than anticipated. The City doesn't heavily rely on sales taxes, so we have been largely insulated from the economic swing caused by the pandemic.

City Council must approve the final budget in August. Leading up to the vote, several budget work sessions are scheduled. Residents are invited to participate by attending these work sessions. The dates are listed below. A formal public hearing will be held on August 13 before the 2021 budget is adopted.

**June 11:** Utility Fund Budget Work Session

**June 25:** Special Funds Budget Work Session

**July 9:** General Fund Budget Work Session



## From Your Friends at Fire District #1: Clothes Dryer Safety

Did you know? You are at higher risk of having a clothes dryer fire if you don't clean your lint filter and dryer vents.

Follow these simple safety tips to prevent a clothes dryer fire in your home.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
- Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
- Check the venting system behind the dryer to make sure that it is not damaged, crushed or restricted.
- Make sure that the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is operating.

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 20.

Volunteers will bring food out to those in need. Everyone is asked to enter the gravel parking lot off of 4th street and wait to be directed to turn west onto Hulett. They will stop in front of the pantry going west and have their bags put directly into their car.

The Edgerton Food Pantry is available to anyone in the USD 231 school district. No income restrictions. Donations are always welcome.

## Playgrounds and Ball Fields

As the weather warms up, we know it's important to parents to let their kids play at the playground. While our playgrounds have been closed for the last two months, they are now open. Playgrounds will be at your own risk. Residents are urged to continue to use social distancing and avoid crowded playgrounds.

Remember to wash your hands after using the equipment. If you or a member of your family is experiencing any symptoms, please stay away from all parks, trails and playgrounds.

Ball fields will reopen for practices and private play on June 19. Teams wishing to sign up for practice times can reserve their timeslots between Friday, May 29 and Wednesday, June 10. There will be a 15 minute window between practices to allow players and families to disperse before the next team arrives. E-mail [kbanks@edgertonks.org](mailto:kbanks@edgertonks.org) to sign up.

## Intersection Reconstruction Project

A major road project will soon start at the intersection of 8th Street and Edgewood. Crews from Miles Excavating are going to tear out and reconstruct that intersection.

When the largest street reconstruction project in City history was completed last year, the City had Miles repave Edgewood to repair the damage to the asphalt. The intersection did not receive any major changes to the slope of the road at that time. Recent rains show that changes are needed to improve the drainage and keep water from standing on the roadway.

Crews will re-slope the intersection in concrete to make sure that water runs into the proper channels.



## Edgerton City Wide Clean-Up Results

You really cleaned up, Edgerton!

During the annual City Wide Clean-Up, Gardner Disposal crews removed more than 65 tons of refuse. That's an increase from about 48 tons in 2019!

At Public Works, crews collected:

- 36 tires
- 1 refrigerator
- 30 gallons of oil
- 10 cubic yards of debris



## Homeowner Questions: Pool Installation



With many area pools not opening for the summer because of the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Edgerton is receiving more inquiries about pool installation.

If you want to install a new above ground pool, you **MUST** obtain a building permit. For all properties zoned R-1 (single family residential), the pool must be 6 feet from the rear property line and 9 feet from the side property lines. It also cannot be within 2 feet of an easement. Fencing is required for safety. All pools that require electricity or are 42 inches or deeper must have a permit.

Full details are available at [edgertonks.org/pools](http://edgertonks.org/pools) or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.

## Low-Cost Animal Vaccination Clinic

The City of Edgerton is excited to bring back the popular low-cost animal vaccination clinic on June 27. This year, due to COVID-19, we will be hosting the event at Martin Creek Park. **Residents must sign up for a 15 minute time slot. Register at [petvaccinationclinic.eventbrite.com](http://petvaccinationclinic.eventbrite.com) or call City Hall for assistance.** Up to four pets are allowed per resident, per appointment.

We will offer low cost rabies and distemper vaccines, as well as microchips. Prices are below. **CASH or CHECK ONLY** required at time of service.

Rabies Vaccine: \$10  
Distemper Vaccine: \$15  
Microchip: \$20

Pet licenses are \$5 each for spayed and neutered dogs and cats. Registration is free for those age 60 and older. Non-spayed or unneutered animals can be registered with the City for \$25.

## Stormwater and Wastewater Master Planning

Edgerton City Council has approved two new master planning projects for stormwater and sanitary sewers. These projects are important for future development and could help the city prioritize new capital improvement projects.

**STORMWATER:** An engineering team from Olssen Inc. will collect information about the city's stormwater system, including an analysis of the existing storm collections system, where the water flows and how it gets there. Part of the project will include information from the public about flooding concerns. Watch the City's newsletter, website and social media for more information about how you can get involved. The master plan will be used as a roadmap for Edgerton's stormwater system, prioritizing projects that will improve efficiencies and allow the City to be better suited for future development.

**WASTEWATER:** A team from Burns and McDonnell and TREKK is developing a master plan for Edgerton's sanitary sewer system. Like the stormwater project, this master plan is focused on collecting information about our current system and developing a roadmap for how it can be expanded in the future. The team will specifically investigate how much stormwater is entering the sanitary sewer system (this is known as inflow and infiltration or I&I), which is then processed at Edgerton's Big Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. During storms or heavy rain events, if too much rainwater is entering the system, major problems like backups and overflows can occur. By reducing or eliminating the sources of inflow and infiltration, the City can improve sanitary sewer capacity.

## Writing Class Available for Edgerton Residents

Thanks to a generous Edgerton resident, you can now learn elements of technical writing for free. The class is online only, available at [edgertonks.org/learnwritingskills](http://edgertonks.org/learnwritingskills) until September 1.

The 12 module class will teach you the basics of writing, including how to write strong sentences, correct punctuation, and how to add graphics to make your writing stand out.

## A Pickle for the Knowing Ones



- ▶ This book was written by Timothy Dexter, an American merchant, in 1802.
- ▶ He did not use any punctuation in the first publication of this book.
- ▶ When the book was reprinted, he added a page of punctuation marks, instructing readers to pepper and salt it as they pleased."
- ▶ He was not the first writer who did not use punctuation.

## A: Edgepert Answer



The Edgerton Rural High School "Panthers" played in the Class B state basketball tournament in March of 1940. The tournament was held at Convention Hall in Hutchinson, KS. Edgerton's first round opponent was Nickerson High School, the defending state champs, led by their star player, Bill Engelland. Edgerton led Nickerson 16-11 at halftime, but Nickerson rallied in the second half behind Engelland's 27 points, and defeated Edgerton 44-27. Edgerton's outstanding season was thus ended with the loss to Nickerson. Nickerson went on to lose in the quarterfinals to Menlo High School.

To qualify for the state tournament that year, Edgerton High School beat DeSoto 31-29 in a thrilling double overtime game in the regional final, which sent the Edgerton Panthers to the state tournament, for the first and ultimately only time in the school's history.

Edgerton had tied Stanley for the Johnson County League championship earlier that season, then won the District tournament at Baldwin, and then were the regional champs with the close victory over DeSoto, with that game being played in Olathe.

The 1940 Edgerton Panthers were coached by Henry Breithaupt, who coached basketball for eleven years at Edgerton. ERHS had an outstanding team in 1940, and that season's success will always be remembered and celebrated.

The Edgerton Community Museum has a collection of Edgerton Rural High School materials including articles and photographs the public can enjoy.